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1. Device for exerting a return force on at least one  
5 harness element of the harness of a Jacquard weaving  
machine, comprising at least one return spring (2)  
provided with means of attachment (1) for attaching  
the return spring (2) to retaining means (4)  
10 immovably provided, characterized in that said means  
of attachment (1) are provided with a positioning  
opening (6) for positioning the means of attachment  
(1) with respect to the retaining means (4), and a  
fixing opening (7) for fixing the means of  
15 attachment (1) to the retaining means (4), a spring  
connection (8) being provided between the  
positioning opening (6) and the fixing opening (7),  
such that the means of attachment (1) are able to  
move from the positioning opening (6) to the fixing  
20 opening (7) with respect to the retaining means (4),  
but will be unable, after having been fixed with  
respect to the retaining means (4), to move back  
from the fixing opening (7) to the positioning  
opening (6) during operation or transport of the  
25 Jacquard machine.
2. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that  
the positioning opening (6), where it is connected  
to the fixing opening (7), is provided with a  
30 beveled edge (10) in order to guide the motion of  
the means of attachment (1) with respect to the  
retaining means (4) from the positioning opening (6)  
to the fixing opening (7).
3. Device according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in  
35 that the fixing opening (7), where it is connected

to the positioning opening (6), is provided with a sharp and practically flat edge (9), such that after fixing the means of attachment (1) with respect to the retaining means (4), the means of attachment will be unable to move back from the fixing opening (7) to the positioning opening (6) during operation or transport of the Jacquard machine.

4. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the spring connection (8) between the positioning opening (6) and the fixing opening (7) is provided with at least two protrusions (11a, 11b), situated opposite one another.

5. Device according to claim 4, characterized in that the protrusion which is situated in the spring connection (8) on the side of the fixing opening (7), is provided to engage a recess (12), which is provided in the means of attachment (4).

6. Device according to anyone of the claims 1 through 5, characterized in that the means of attachment are carried out in the form of a flat bar (4), at least one recess (5) being provided on at least one side of the flat bar (4) in order to fix the means of attachment (1) to the flat bar (4).

7. Device according to claim 6, characterized in that at least one recess (5) is provided on two sides of the flat bar (4), in order to fix the means of attachment (1) to the flat bar (4).

8. Device according to claim 7, characterized in that the flat bar (4) on the two sides is provided with several recesses (5) in order to be able to fix

several means of attachment (1) to the flat bar (4).

9. Device according to anyone of the preceding claims,  
characterized in that the means of attachment (1)  
5 are made of synthetic material.
10. Device for immovably installing the means of  
attachment (4) of one or several return springs (2)  
of a Jacquard weaving machine, the device being  
10 provided with at least two fixed installing elements  
(13) for installing the retaining means (4),  
characterized in that said installing elements (13)  
are provided with one or several recesses in order  
to apply the retaining means (1).
- 15 11. Device according to claim 10, characterized in that  
said installing elements have the shape of a tube,  
in each tube (13) one or several grooves being  
provided in order to insert the retaining means (1).
- 20 12. Device according to claim 10 or 11, characterized in  
that said retaining means consist of a flat bar (4),  
several recesses being provided on two sides of the  
flat bar (4) for fixing several return springs (2)  
25 to the flat bar (4), and the other two sides of the  
flat bar (4) being provided to be inserted into the  
said grooves of the tubes (13).
- 30 13. Device according to claim 12, characterized in that  
said tubes (13) may be put at an overpressure or an  
subatmospheric pressure, in order to keep said flat  
bars (4) free from dust.